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## The Closing Scene.

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Within the sober realm of leafless trees, The russet year inhaled the creamy air; Like some tanned reaper, in his hour of ease, When all the fields are lying brown and bare.

The gray barns looking from their hazy hills, O'er the dim waters widening in the vales; Seat down the air a greeting to the mills, On the dull thunder of alternate flails.

All sights were mellowed and all sounds subdued. The hills seemed further and the streams at ng low, As in a dream the distant woodman hewed

His winter log with many a muffled blow. The embattled forests, exewhile armed with gold, Their banners bright with many a martial hue, Now atood like some sad, beaten heet of old,

Withdrawn afar in time's remotest blue. On slamb'mus wings the vulture tried his flight; The dave scarce heard his sighing mate's complaint, And, like a star slow drowning in the light, The village church vane seemed to pale and faint.

The sentinel cock upon the hill-side crew-Crew thrice-and all was stiller than before; Blient, till some replying warden blew His alien horn, and then was heard no more.

Where crst the jay, within the elm's tall crest, Made garrulous trouble round her unfledged young; And where the oriole hung her awaying nest, By every light wind like a censer swung;

Where sang the noisy martins of the caves, The busy swallows circling ever near-Foreboding, as the rustic mind believes, An early harvest and a plenteous year;

Where every bird that waked the vernal feast, Shook the sweet slumber from its wings at morn, To warn the reaper of the rosy east. All now was songless, empty and forforn.

Alone, from out the stubble, piped the quail, And creaked the crow through all the dreary gloom; Alone, the pheasant, dramming in the vale, Made echo in the distance to the cottage loom.

There was no bud, no bloom upon the bowers, The spiders wove their thin shrouds night by night;-The thirtle down, the only ghost of flowers, Salled slowfy by-passed noiseless out of sight.

Amad all this -in this most dreary air, And where the woodbine shed upon the porch Its crimson leaves, as if the year stood there, Firing the floor with its inverted torch; Amid all this, the center of the scene,

The white-haired matron with monotonous tread, Plied the swift wheel, and with her joyless mien Sat like a fate, and watched the flying thread. She had known sorrow. He had walked with her. Oft supped and broke with her the ashen crust, And in the dead leaves still she heard the stir Of his black mantle trailing in the dust.

While yet her cheek was bright with summer bloom, Her country summoned, and she gave her all: And twice war howed to her his sable plume-Re-gave the aword to rust upon the wall. Re-gave the sword, last not the hand that drew

And struck for liberty the dying b'ow : Nor him, who, to his sire and country true, Fell 'mid the ranks of the invading for, Long, but not loud, the droning wheel went on,

Like the low murmur of a hive at noon; Long, but not loud, the memory of the gone Breathed through her lips a sad and tremulous tune.

At last the thread was snapped, her head was bowed; Life dropped the distaff through her hands serene; And loving neighbors smoothed her careful shroud, While death and winter closed the autumn scene,

## VARIETY.

Good Intent is the name of an Iowa town, and although it is not a very sickly season, we are assured that already hell is paved with Good

The woman who believes in doing things on the spar of the moment, didn't forget the rule when her ten year old boy put a crooked pin in

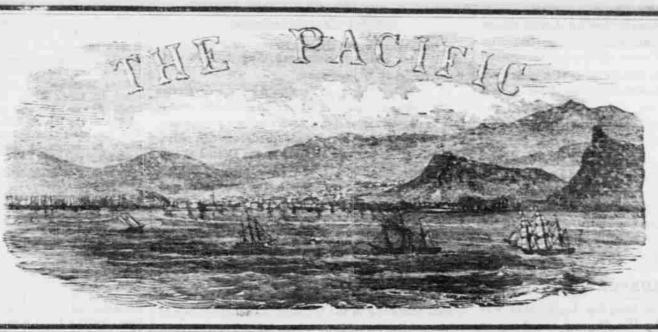
Webster's Dictionary contains over fifty thousand words. Jones says that when he came home late, the other night, in the space of fifteen minutes his wife applied them all to him, including some extra ones and the fire-shovel.

The valedictorian this year of a St. Louis seminary is described as A perfect woman, nobly planned, To warn, to comfort and command

To this it is added that she wore an elegrant white colored silk, cut court train, en pouffe, enught up with strings of flowers; corsage of white satio cut high, extending sleeves in small puffs of illusion; ruffed at neck and set off with small bouquets of roses; hair neglige-very The Dunn county News gets off the following

good thing, which is worthy a place with some of Mark Twain's best : " We sympathize heartily with one of our exchanges, which is sorry to learn that a German chemist has succeeded in making a first-rate brandy out of saw-dust. We are a friend to the temperance movement and we want it to succeed, but what chance will it have when a man can take a rip-saw and go out and get drunk with a fence-rail? What is the use of a prohibitory liquor law if a man is able to make brandy smashes out of the shingles on his roof, or if he can get the delirium tremens by drinking the legs of his kitchen chairs? You may send such inebriate out of a gin shop, and keep him away from taverns, but if he can become uproarious on boiled sawdust and desiccated window sills, any effort at reform must necessarily be a failure. It will be wise, therefore if temperance societies will butcher the German chemist before he goes any further. His receipt ought not to be made public. He should be stuffed with distilled board-yards until he perishes with mania a

A BAYFLED BARBER .- A traveling friend of the Observer was at Rochester the other day, and he dropped into a barber-shop near the Osborn House to get shaved. After he had been deprived of the useless hairs upon his face, and a portion of his skin, by a garrulous and clumsy knight of the razor, the tonsorial artist tossed the ends of his hair lightly, and the following dialogue ensued: " Have a cut?" Victim-" No. it was cut last week, and I'm in a hurry. Artist (looking at the clock)-" You have plenty of time before the train goes East." Victimare in no hurry. Had your dinner?" Victim (rather gruffly)-" Yes!" Barber (Still toying with our friend's waving locks)-" Which way are you going?" Victim—" West, if I ever get out of this shop!" Barber—" How far?" Victim—" Buffalo!" Barber—" Oh ho! Buffalo, eh? You can't get your hair cut decently in Buffalo. There is only one good barber there, and he's drunk half the time. Shall I cut it? The train don't leave here for half an hour." Victim (thoroughly enraged) - Look here, you woodenheaded numbskull, and listen. I don't want my hair cut! I don't want a shampoo! I don't want tonie! I don't want bay rum! I don't warft any more of your tongue, information, or impudence! I do want you to finish this job, and if you don't close your infernal lather-box and let me out of this chair I'll saw your thick head off with one of your dull, nutmeg-grating ranges! Do you understand that?" The astonished naisance comprehended.



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